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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS USED BY A PLURALITY  
OF DIFFERENT OPERATORS, AND  
METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR USE  
IN THE INFORMATION PROCESSING  
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Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.